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To EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Subject REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FOR THE RURAL HEALTH SERVICES DEVELOPMENT AND SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL AND MIGRATORY WORKERS PROGRAM, FISCAL YEARS (FY) 2009-2012

Purpose The purpose of this letter is to transmit the enclosed Request for Application (RFA) for the Rural Health Services Development (RHSD) and Seasonal Agricultural and Migratory Workers (SAMW) Programs for FY 2009-2012. Prospective applicants are invited to respond to the RFA. The objective of the RHSD and SAMW Programs is to improve the health of the medically underserved, indigent, and those with cultural and/or language barriers, by increasing accessibility to comprehensive, quality primary health care services provided by community-based clinics.

Anticipated Funding A total of \$8.2 million is anticipated to be available annually for the RHSD program for a three year term 2009-2012. A total of \$6.8 million is anticipated to be available annually for the SAMW program for a three year term 2009-2012. For each annual grant period, availability and level of funding is contingent on the appropriated funds in the State Budget.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- Each clinic site for which grant funds are requested shall be a non-profit, community-based, primary care clinic licensed under California Health and Safety Code Section 1204 (a) (1), or exempt from licensure under Health and Safety Code Section 1206 (c).
- Operate in a Health Professional Shortage Area; or Medical Underserved Area; or Medical Underserved Population; or Document that at least 50% of the patients have incomes that are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- **RHSD Program only:** Community clinics that participate in the RHSD Program must operate in a rural Medical Service Study Area.

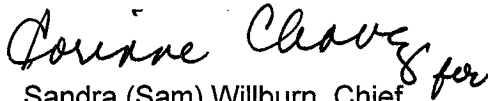
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- **SAMW Program only:** Community clinics that participate in the SAMW Program must serve a clinic population that is comprised of a minimum of 25 percent seasonal agricultural and migratory workers and their dependents.
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Questions Should you have questions or need clarification, submit all inquiries in writing according to the instructions in the RFA section entitled, "Written Questions about the RFA".

Forms All instructions, forms, and supplemental reference documents can be downloaded from the RHSD/SAMW website at:
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/rural/Pages/default.aspx>

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